Production and import of Mabendazole

982. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) names of the companies who are licenced to produce Mebendazole in the country alongwith licenced and installed capacity of each;

(b) what is the estimated requirement for 1986-87 and what was the total production during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the capacities are lying idle with indigenous producers;

(d) if so, what was the justification and reasons for recommending the import of Mabendazole under OGL for the current import policy; and

(e) what are the main criteria on which recommendation for inclusion of bulk drugs and drug intermediates under Open General Licence are sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALM): (a) Details to the extent available, are given below:

Name of the Company	Licensed Capacity
1. Cadila Labs.	10 MT
2. Reptakos & Brett	5 MT
3. S.G. Chemicals	2 MT

(b) and (c) The 7th Five Year Plan Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals have estimated the demand of Mebendazole/Thiabendazole during 1986-87 to be of the order of 47 tons. The total production of Mebendazole in the organised sector during the last three years was as under:—

Year	Total Production (Tonnes)
1983-84	7.15
1984-85	9.16
1985-86	23.85

The production of Mebendazole has been increasing over the last three years.

(d) and (e) The import policy of a drug is formulated in consideration of several factors including its domestic demand vis-a-vis indigenous production.

Cordless technology

983. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the required technology to provide telephone transmission through cordless telephones is being developed in the country; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter and in which areas places such cordless telephones have been installed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Five letters of intent have been issued for indigenous manufacture of Cordless telephones in the country.

(b) So far no indigenous cordless telephones has been fully developed. However use of some imported cordless telephones has been permitted to individual subscribers at Indore, Hyderabad, Rourkela and Delhi.

Sale Price of Noveran-50 Tablets

984. SHRI JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Noveran-50 tablets are being sold at rupees one hundred and twenty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this product is being sold without obtaining price approval;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that action under the Essential Commodities Act has not been taken against the company;

(d) in case, the prices are fixed by his Ministry, what are the reasons for allowing such high price;

(e) what steps are being taken by his Ministry to save consumer from charging of high prices by drugs companies; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that his department has ignored the interest of consumer for whom the Drugs Price Control Order was made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALM): (a) Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals has not come across any formulation being sold under the name Noveran tablets.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Review Petitions by Drug Companies

985. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether this attention has been drawn to the News Item which appeared in Economic Times, Bombay dated the 4th April, 1986 captioned "Two Drug Companies File Review Petition";

(b) if so, names of those two Drug Companies alongwith the names of the products and the revised price fixed for each against which these Companies submitted Review Petitions;

(c) what were the earlier fixed price of each product and what is the revised price of each product;

(d) what are the details of their review petitions; and

(e) what steps are being taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement giving the details is attached (See below). The companies have filed representations under para 27 of the Drugs (prices Control) Order, 1979 against the prices as revised by the Government in March, 1986.

(d) and (e) In their representations both the companies have challenged the ex-factory cost determined by the Government and the mark-up as allowed to them. The representations are being processed by the Government

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack Size	Earlier Price	Price as revised in March, 1986
1	2	3	4	5
	M/s *Pfizer Limited* :			
1	Becasule Capsules	20's	8·85	7·58
2	Becasule Capsules	100's	33·13	33·30
3	Becasule Syrup	50 ml Bottle	4·98	4·80
4	Multi Betaplex Forte Caps.	20's Bottle	8·67	7·00